

September 28, 2021 Council Meeting

The regular meeting of the Council of the City of Martinsville, Virginia was held on September 28, 2021 in Council Chambers, Municipal Building, at 7:00 PM with Mayor Kathy Lawson presiding. Other Council Members present included Danny Turner, Jennifer Bowles and Tammy Pearson. Council Member Chad Martin was not in attendance. Staff present included City Manager Leon Towarnicki, Assistant City Manager/City Attorney Eric Monday, Community Development Director Mark McCaskill, Finance Director Linda Conover, Building Inspector Kris Bridges, Inspector Mark Price, and Deputy Police Chief Rob Fincher.

Mayor Lawson called the meeting to order and advised Council would go into Closed Session beginning at 6:30 PM. In accordance with section 2.1-344 (A) Code of Virginia (1950, and as amended) and upon a motion by Council Member Turner, seconded by Vice Mayor Bowles with the following 4-0 recorded vote: Mayor Lawson, aye; Vice Mayor Bowles, aye; Council Member Pearson, aye; and Council Member, aye. Council convened in Closed Session to discuss the following matters: (A) Appointments to boards and commissions, as authorized by Subsection 1 and (B) Consultant with legal counsel and briefings by staff members, attorneys or consultant pertaining to actual or probable litigation, or other specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice by such counsel, as authorized by Subsection 7. At the conclusion of Closed Session, each returning member of Council certified that (1) only public business matters exempt from open meeting requirements were discussed in said Closed Session; and (2) only those business matters identified in the motion convening the Closed Session were heard, discussed, or considered during the meeting. A motion was made by Vice Mayor Bowles; seconded by Council Member Turner, with the following 4-0 recorded vote in favor to return to Open Session: Council Member Turner, aye; Mayor Lawson, aye; Vice Mayor Bowles, aye; and Council Member Pearson, aye.

Vice Mayor Bowles made a motion to appoint Al Holland to the Architectural Review Board for a 3-year unexpired term ending March 31, 2024. Council Member Pearson seconded the motion with all four present Council Members voting in favor.

Council Member Turner made a motion to appoint Jonathan Martin to the Planning Commission for a 4-year unexpired term ending June 30, 2022. Vice Mayor Bowles seconded the motion with all four present Council Members voting in favor.

Council Member Pearson made a motion to appoint Paul Mesi to the Tree Board for a 3-year unexpired term ending March 31, 2024. Vice Mayor Bowles seconded the motion with all four present Council Members voting in favor.

No other action was taken out of Closed Session.

Following the Pledge to the American Flag and invocation by Mayor Lawson, Lawson welcomed everyone to the meeting. Mayor Lawson explained that the meeting would follow COVID guidelines, allowing limited attendance and recognizing social distancing recommendations.

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Approve minutes from the September 14, 2021 Council Meeting – Council Member Pearson made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Vice Mayor Bowles seconded the motion with all present Council Members voting in favor.

Recognize City Employees who are eligible for Service Awards for the period July 1, 2021 – September 30, 2021 – City Manager Towarnicki recognized City employees for their years of service and thanked them for their commitment.

**SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENTS
THIRD QUARTER - FISCAL YEAR 21-22
FOR THE PERIOD OF JULY 1 – SEPTEMBER 30, 2021**

First Name	Last Name	Location Desc	Years of Service
TRAVIS	HODGE	HUMAN RESOURCES	5
TODD	MCCRICKARD	ELECTRIC CONSTRUCTION	5
JAMES	RUMLEY	SHERIFF DEPT.	5
JUSTIN	WILLARD	POLICE DEPT	5
JAMES	SAWYERS	WASTEWATER PLANT	5
RYAN	EMBERSON	ELECTRIC MAINTENANCE	5
WILLIAM	HANKINS	PARK MAINTENANCE	15
DALE	DAVIS	FIRE DEPARTMENT	15
NANCY	SHERMAN	COMMONWEALTH'S ATTORNEY	15
CHRISTOPHER	PENN	SEWER MAINTENANCE	15
DAVID	BRIDGES	INSPECTIONS	20
LAURA	HOPKINS	SHERIFF DEPT.	25

Consider adoption of a resolution celebrating Dry Bridge School – City Attorney Monday read the resolution. Monday thanked Imogene Hodge Draper for her research on the Dry Bridge School. Mayor Lawson said that Draper had put her heart into this research. Monday shared details on the unveiling of a Virginia historic marker to take place on Saturday for the Dry Bridge School. Rev. Whitfield arrived at 7:30pm to accept the resolution on behalf of Ms. Draper.



**RESOLUTION
HONORING DRY BRIDGE SCHOOL**

WHEREAS, Henry County opened a new Dry Bridge School in the East End of Martinsville in 1928 after the School Improvement League, an organization of African Americans living east of Martinsville, campaigned under the leadership of the Rev. W. F. Geter to replace the original Dry Bridge Colored School; and

WHEREAS, funding for construction of the school came from the African American community, the public, and the Julius Rosenwald Fund, which helped build more than 5,000 schools for African Americans in the South; and

WHEREAS, the school, led by teaching principals J. L. Hairston and the Rev. R. T. Anderson, served students in grades 1-8, and the school was subsequently known as East Martinsville School after the city annexed the area in 1948, and was closed in 1968 as the City desegregated its schools.

WHEREAS, the school, an outstanding surviving example of what have come to be known as "Rosenwald Schools," was named to the Virginia Landmarks Register in 2008 and the National Register of Historic Places in 2009, and will be further recognized by the unveiling of a Virginia Department of Historic Resources commemorative historic marker on October 2, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Dry Bridge School is an important monument to Black heritage, success and achievement in the City of Martinsville, the Commonwealth of Virginia and the United States,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of Martinsville that Saturday, October 2, 2021 be designated as "Dry Bridge School Celebration Day"; that the citizens of this City be encouraged to attend the unveiling of the historic marker, and to reflect upon the significance of this site and upon the many achievements of the Black community in Martinsville; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Martinsville extends its heartfelt thanks and commendation to Mrs. Imogene Hodge Draper, whose tireless efforts over many years are responsible for the recognition afforded this historic site. Mrs. Draper's contributions to preserving the history of our community have made life in Martinsville richer and more meaningful, and her exemplary efforts and selfless service to this City are to be much admired, appreciated, and emulated.

Attest:

Karen Roberts, Clerk of Council

Consider approval of certain policies and certifications related to the Pine Hall Road Community Development Block Grant project – Community Development Director Mark McCaskill detailed the next two items needed for the Pine Hall Road Block Grant project. Vice Mayor Bowles made a motion to approve Appendices 7 and 8 as presented. Council Member Pearson seconded the motion with all present Council Members voting in favor.



Date: September 23, 2021
 To: Leon Towarnicki
 From: Mark McCaskill, Community Development Director
 RE: Pine Hall Grant related City Council actions for September 28, 2021 City Council meeting.

SUBJECT:

Contracting period with Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) for the City of Martinsville's Pine Hall Housing Rehabilitation Project.

BACKGROUND:

The City of Martinsville was recently awarded \$1,183,310 in DHCD Funds to be matched by private and local funds (primarily in-kind) of \$496,425 for a total project cost of \$1,679,735 for the Pine Hall Housing Rehabilitation Project. We are currently in the contracting period with DHCD to develop a final contract that complies with DHCD and Federal Housing and Urban Development (HUD) regulations. We anticipate a final contract by mid-November. As a part of the contracting period, City Council will need to approve various Policies and Certifications, two of which are included as attachments to this staff report.

NEXT STEPS:

There are two items included for discussion and action:

- **Appendix 7 SECTION 504 GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE** – This grievance procedure covers any complaints that may arise under the following:

Department of Community Development, 55 W. Church Street Martinsville VA 24112, 276-403-5156

Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) (24 CFR 8.53(b) implementing Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 USC 794). Section 504 states, in part, that "no otherwise qualified handicapped individual . . . shall solely by reason of his handicap, be excluded from the participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance."

It names the City Manager as the 504 compliance coordinator, and ...

- **Appendix 8 RESIDENTIAL ANTI-DISPLACEMENT AND RELOCATION ASSISTANCE PLAN CERTIFICATION** – The Anti-Displacement policy is to ensure no one loses their home and no affordable housing unit is removed from the housing stock (by demolition, conversion, etc.) without replacement." The Pine Hall Project doesn't have any planned activities that would result in a displacement, so this policy shouldn't be used; however, it is a requirement of DHCD that the City have an adopted Anti-Displacement policy. Please note that this does not apply to the uninhabited structures that will be demolished as a part of the City of Martinsville's local match as they are not deemed a dwelling that meets local building codes or a dwelling that can be rehabilitated to meet code for \$25,000 or less. Those demolitions are a part of the blight reduction aspect of the grant.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff respectively recommends that City Council vote to approve Appendix 7, and Appendix 8

Attachments:

Appendix 7 SECTION 504 GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE
 Appendix 8 RESIDENTIAL ANTI-DISPLACEMENT AND RELOCATION ASSISTANCE PLAN CERTIFICATION

Department of Community Development, 55 W. Church Street Martinsville VA 24112, 276-403-5156

APPENDIX 7 - Section 504 Grievance Procedure

Grievance Procedure

The City of Martinsville, Virginia has adopted an internal grievance procedure providing for prompt and equitable resolution of complaints alleging any action prohibited by the Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) (24 CFR 8.53(b) implementing Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 USC 794). Section 504 states, in part, that "no otherwise qualified handicapped individual . . . shall solely by reason of his handicap, be excluded from the participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance."

Complaints should be addressed to: *Leon Towarnicki, City Manager, PO Box 1112, 55 West Church Street, Martinsville, VA 24114, 276-403-5185*, who has been designated to coordinate Section 504 compliance efforts.

1. A complaint should be filed in writing or verbally contain the name and address of the person filing it, and briefly describe the alleged violation of the regulations.
2. A complaint should be filed within (15 days) after the complainant becomes aware of the alleged violation. (Processing of allegations of discrimination occurring before this grievance procedure was in place will be considered on a case-by-case basis.)
3. An investigation, as may be appropriate, shall follow a filing of a complaint. The investigation will be conducted by (*Leon Towarnicki, City Manager*). These rules contemplate informal but thorough investigations, affording all interested persons and their representatives, if any, an opportunity to submit evidence relevant to a complaint. Under 24 CFR 8.53(b), the *City of Martinsville, Virginia* need not process complaints from applicants for employment or from applicants for admission to housing.
4. A written determination as to the validity of the complaint and description of resolution, if any, shall be issued by (*Leon Towarnicki, City Manager*) and a copy forwarded to the complainant no later than (15 days) after its filing.
5. The Section 504 coordinator shall maintain the files and records of the *City of Martinsville, Virginia* relating to the complaints filed.
6. The complainant can request a reconsideration of the case in instances where he or she is dissatisfied with the resolution. The request for reconsideration should

be made within (15 days) to (*Eric Monday, Assistant City Manager, City of Martinsville*).

7. The right of a person to a prompt and equitable resolution of the complaint filed hereunder shall not be impaired by the person's pursuit of other remedies such as the filing of a Section 504 complaint with the Department of Housing and Urban Development. Utilization of this grievance procedure is not a prerequisite to the pursuit of other remedies.
8. These rules shall be construed to protect the substantive rights of interested persons, to meet appropriate due process standards and to assure that the *City of Martinsville, Virginia* complies with Section 504 and the HUD regulations.

Approved by Martinsville City Council at their regular meeting on the 28th of September, 2021.

Karen Roberts, Clerk of Council

APPENDIX 8 - RESIDENTIAL ANTI-DISPLACEMENT AND RELOCATION ASSISTANCE PLAN

The City of Martinsville, Virginia will replace all occupied and vacant occupiable low/moderate-income dwelling units demolished or converted to a use other than as low/moderate income dwelling unit as a direct result of activities assisted with funds provided under the *Housing and Community Development Act of 1974*, as amended. All replacement housing will be provided within three (3) years of the commencement of the demolition or rehabilitation relating to conversion.

Before obligating or expending funds that will directly result in such demolition or conversion, the City of Martinsville, Virginia will make public and advise the state that it is undertaking such an activity and will submit to the state, in writing, information that identifies:

1. A description of the proposed assisted activity;
2. The general location on a map and approximate number of dwelling units by size (number of bedrooms) that will be demolished or converted to a use other than as low/moderate-income dwelling units as a direct result of the assisted activity;
3. A time schedule for the commencement and completion of the demolition or conversion;
4. The general location on a map and approximate number of dwelling units by size (number of bedrooms) that will be provided as replacement dwelling units;
5. The source of funding and a time schedule for the provision of replacement dwelling units;
6. The basis for concluding that each replacement dwelling unit will remain a low/moderate-income dwelling unit for at least 10 years from the date of initial occupancy; and
7. Information demonstrating that any proposed replacement of dwelling units with smaller dwelling units is consistent with the housing needs of low- and moderate-income households in the jurisdiction.

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The City of Martinsville, Virginia will provide relocation assistance to each low/moderate – income household displaced by the demolition of housing or by the direct result of assisted activities. Such assistance shall be that provided under Section 104 (d) of the *Housing and Community Development Act of 1974*, as amended, or the *Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970*, as amended.

The City of Martinsville, Virginia's FY2022 project includes the following activities:

1. Administration of this project in a timely and compliant manner per DHCD HUD guidelines;
2. Clearance and demolition of six (6) blighted homes.
3. Rehabilitation of six (6) owner-occupied homes to DHCD Housing Quality Standards.
4. Rehabilitation of six (6) investor-owned homes to DHCD Housing Quality Standards.
5. Substantial reconstruction of four (4) homes to DHCD Housing Quality Standards.
6. Clearance of all junk, debris, weeds, and inoperable vehicles from the project area, including annual neighborhood cleanups, to assist residents to dispose of inside and outside debris (CDBG funds);

The activities as planned will not cause any displacement from or conversion of occupiable structures. As planned, the project calls for the use of existing right-of-way or easements to be purchased or the acquisition of tracts of land that do not contain housing. The City of Martinsville, Virginia will work with the grant management staff, engineers, project area residents, and the Department of Housing and Community Development to insure that any changes in project activities do not cause any displacement from or conversion of occupiable structures.

In all cases, an occupiable structure will be defined as a dwelling that meets local building codes or a dwelling that can be rehabilitated to meet code for \$25,000 or less.

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Appendix 8: Residential Anti-Displacement and Relocation Assistance Plan

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Hear an update from Building Inspections regarding demolition of structures within the City – Building Inspector Kris Bridges and Inspector Mark Price presented the updated demolition list. Price answered Council questions about specific properties. Bridges explained how properties are assigned to the demolition list and the Top Candidate list.

Master List - Demo candidates

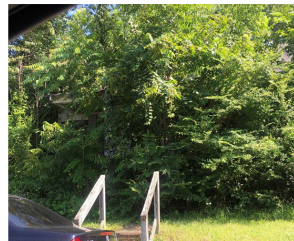
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|------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| • 1210 Hickory St | • 210 Holt St | • 1005 Oak St | • 17 High St |
| • 122 Pony Pl | • 200 Holt St | • 326 Clift St | • 1155 Pine Hall Rd |
| • 1137 Wray St | • 105 Maple St | • 1007 Paul St | • 403 Clearview Dr |
| • 700 Fourth St | • 504 College St | • 211 Stuart St | • 538 Dillard St |
| • 513 Second St | • 200 Emmette St | • 618 Lee Terrace | • 546 Dillard St |
| • 847 Smith St | • 825 Keel St | • 214 McCoy St | • 120 Park St |
| • 837 Smith St | • 911 Loch St | • 1004 Jordan St | • 1020 Brookdale St |
| • 127(125) N Beaver St | • 1217 Lawson St | • 807 Pipe St | • 1025 Brookdale St |
| • 509 Swanson St | • 1612 Meadowview Ln | • 110 Echols St | • 5 Sutherlin St |
| • 16 Peters St | • 550 Dillard St | • 1145 Pine Hall Rd | • 208 Askin St |
| • 410 Fayette St | • 112 Park St | • 1147 Pine Hall Rd | • 1027 Askin St |
| • 30½ High St | • 210 Park St | • 1223 Top St | • 632 Fayette St |
| | | • 1303 Carver Ct | Accessory bldg. only |

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| • 808 D St/513 2 nd St | • 212 Moss St |
| • 406 Fayette St | • 719 Windsor Ln |
| • 909 Askin St | • 30 N Jackson St |
| • 923 Bowden St | • 210 Sellers St |
| • 205 Holt St | • 232 Broad St |
| • 212 Amy Ave | • 1112 Cherokee Tr |
| • 214 Amy Ave | • 110 Cemetery St |
| • 1524 Kenmar Dr | • 711 W. Fayette St |
| • 628 Watt St | • 1349 Rivermont Hgts |
| • 12 Letcher Ct | • 417 Fayette St |
| • 1022 Williams St | • 905 Askin St |
| • 206 Fairy St | |
| • 31 High St | |
| • 23 High St | |

Top Candidates

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| • 210 Holt St | • 1212 Hickory St |
| • 210 Park St | • 17 High St |
| • 1007 Paul St | • 403 Clearview St |
| • 122 Pony Pl | • 1025 Brookdale St |
| • 538 Dillard St | • 808 D St |
| • 546 Dillard St | • 127 N. Beaver St |
| • 550 Dillard St | |

210 Holt St.



210 Park St



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1212 Hickory St.



1007 Paul St.



122 Pony Pl.



550 Dillard St.



538 Dillard St.



546 Dillard St



17 High St.



403 Clearview Dr.



1025 Brookdale St.



127 N. Beaver St.



808 D. St.



Nuisance Ordinance Repeats

- 326 Clift St
- 329 Clift St
- 13 Dunlap St
- 203 Greyson St
- 403 Clearview St
- 901 Chalmers St
- 605 Clift St
- 934 Myrtle Rd
- 210 Massey St
- 301 Red Oak St
- 305 Sunset Ave

326 Clift St.



329 Clift St.



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13 Dunlap St



203 Greyson St.



403 Clearview Dr.



901 Chalmers St.



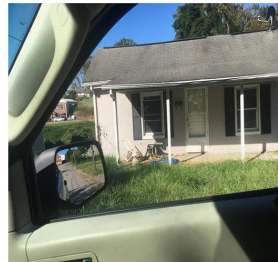
605 Clift St.



934 Myrtle Rd.



210 Massey St.



301 Red Oak St.



305 Sunset Ave.



1117 Wray St.



Consider approval of Consent Agenda – Vice Mayor Bowles made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented; Council Member Turner seconded the motion with all Council Members voting in favor.

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RE-APPROPRIATIONS FY21 INTO FY22						
DEPARTMENTAL REQUESTS						
ORG CODE	OBJECT	DEPARTMENT	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	DEBIT	CREDIT	DESCRIPTION
GENERAL FUND						
01103938	462101		Contribution From Fund Balance		\$ 737,366	
01217078	506047	Sheriff - Courts	Project Life Saver	\$ 4,234		rollover of donations
01217078	506138	Sheriff - Courts	M/C Equipment/Maintenance	\$ 3,369		rollover of donations
01217078	506146	Sheriff - Courts	CARES Act Funds	\$ 36,682		CARES Funding
01221082	506105	Commonwealth's Attorney	State - Confiscated Assets	\$ 8,221		forfeiture funds - carry-over
01221082	506118	Commonwealth's Attorney	Local - Confiscated Assets	\$ 83		forfeiture funds - carry-over
01311085	506061	Police	Ammunition	\$ 9,092		incomplete purchase
01311085	506078	Police	State - Confiscated Assets	\$ 26,752		forfeiture funds - carry-over
01311085	506079	Police	Federal - Confiscated Assets	\$ 431,321		forfeiture funds - carry-over
01311085	506118	Police	Local - Confiscated Assets	\$ 389		forfeiture funds - carry-over
01311085	506139	Police	E-Summons Equipment	\$ 20,243		dedicated e-summons funding
01321102	506110	Fire	Fire Programs	\$ 27,875		grant funding
01321102	506130	Fire	Maintenance for Burn Building	\$ 4,800		ongoing project
01322105	506114	EMS	Four for Life	\$ 24,782		grant funding
01331108	506010	Sheriff - Corrections	Radios & Weapons	\$ 4,980		Incomplete Purchase
01331108	506011	Sheriff - Corrections	Uniforms & Vests	\$ 10,100		Incomplete purchase
01334122	506133	Safety	Siren Supplies	\$ 5,814		ongoing project
01334122	506143	Safety	LEMP - Grant	\$ 24,804		grant funding
01341135	506300	Inspections	Demolition	\$ 42,375		incomplete projects
01413147	506010	Traffic Signals	Traffic Signal Maintenance	\$ 6,897		incomplete project
01413149	506008	Street Construction	Vehicle Equipment/Maintenance	\$ 20,000		incomplete repairs
01812242	503600	Misc Development Exp	Grant Program-Misc Business De	\$ 15,000		ongoing program
01812247	503136	Misc Development Exp	Grant Program - Prof Cons	\$ 9,552		Brownfields program
REFUSE FUND						
09103938	462101		Contribution From Fund Balance		\$ 167,500	
09424301	508205	Refuse	Motor Vehicles/Equipment	\$ 167,500		incomplete projects
WATER FUND						
12103938	462101		Contribution From Fund Balance		\$ 83,157	
12541311	508220	Water Plant	Physical Plant Expansion	\$ 75,000		incomplete project
12542312	508201	Reservoir	Machine-Equipment	\$ 8,157		incomplete purchase
SEWER FUND						
13103938	462101		Contribution From Fund Balance		\$ 82,523	
13550325	503190	Wastewater Plant	Contract Repairs	\$ 15,582		incomplete project
13550325	506007	Wastewater Plant	Repair/Maintenance Supplies	\$ 32,835		Incomplete purchase
13550325	508205	Wastewater Plant	Vehicles	\$ 34,106		Incomplete purchase
ELECTRIC FUND						
14103938	462101		Contribution From Fund Balance		\$ 1,098,363	
14561336	508220	Electric Generation	Physical Plant Expansion	\$ 200,000		incomplete project
14563338	503203	Electric Maintenance	Work ORD/Map Cons	\$ 25,000		incomplete project
14563338	506007	Electric Maintenance	Substation - Repair/Maint	\$ 6,048		incomplete purchase
14564339	503191	Electric Construction	Contract Labor	\$ 239,815		incomplete project
14564339	508205	Electric Construction	Motor Vehicles/Equipment	\$ 277,500		incomplete project
14564339	508220	Electric Construction	Physical Plant Expansion	\$ 350,000		incomplete projects
CAPITAL RESERVE FUND						
16103938	462101		Contribution From Fund Balance		\$ 194,554	
16575365	508085	Vehicles	Sheriff	\$ 34,991		incomplete purchase
16575365	508110	Vehicles	Street Maintenance	\$ 56,434		incomplete purchase
16576366	508055	Software/Hardware	Infomartion Services	\$ 42,112		incomplete project
16577367	508100	Physical Plant Expansion	Garage	\$ 22,316		incomplete project
16579369	508209	School Projects Reserve	School Projects	\$ 38,701		school capital projects
CDBG FUND						
47103938	462101		Contribution From Fund Balance		\$ 18,001	
47913297	506100	General Expense	Admin/Misc expenses	\$ 18,001		accumulated program income
TOTAL CITY FUNDS:					\$ 2,381,464	
SCHOOL FUNDS						
18100938	410510		Ops/Contrib from Fund Balance		\$ 470,111	
71001300	561620	VTSS	Supplemental S&W	\$ 3,900		VTSS/PBIS Grant Balance
71001300	562100	VTSS	Social Security Payments	\$ 299		VTSS/PBIS Grant Balance
71001300	563000	VTSS	Purchased Services	\$ 5,000		VTSS/PBIS Grant Balance
71001300	563142	VTSS	Professional Development	\$ 15,000		VTSS/PBIS Grant Balance
71001300	566000	VTSS	Materials & Supplies	\$ 13,705		VTSS/PBIS Grant Balance
71001300	566040	VTSS	Software & Online Content	\$ 2,800		VTSS/PBIS Grant Balance
81621310	563142	Harvest	Professional Development	\$ 35,893		Harvest
81631310	563142	Harvest	Professional Development	\$ 35,893		Harvest
85001009	563000	Healthnet	Purchased Services	\$ 12,976		UVA Telehealth Grant
85001009	566056	Healthnet	Non-Capital Equip	\$ 2,897		UVA Telehealth Grant
81021310	566020	Support Staff	Textbooks & Workbooks	\$ 198,734		Textbook Fund
81031310	566020	Support Staff	Textbooks & Workbooks	\$ 80,156		Textbook Fund
80003400	568100	Vehicle Maintenance	Capital Outlay Replacement	\$ 48,572		Replace totaled SpEd Van
80003400	568100	Vehicle Maintenance	Capital Outlay Replacement	\$ 14,286		Replace totaled fleet car
TOTAL SCHOOL FUNDS:					\$ 470,111	
TOTAL RE-APPROPRIATIONS FROM FY21 TO FY22					\$ 2,851,575	

Business from the Floor – none

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Comments by City Council – Council Member Pearson thanked Rev Douglas Bynum and local clergy for Martinsville and Henry County for submitting an article related to reversion in the Martinsville Bulletin on September 26, Pearson said that she agrees with them referencing the City's black population opinion. Pearson referenced an email from Martinsville Clerk of Court Ashby Pritchett who submitted a request as a City constituent and Martinsville resident to withdraw the proposed reversion agreement from consideration by the Commission on Local Government and if Council does not do this, to later refrain from voting to send the agreement to the Special Court. Pearson made a motion to add Pritchett to the open meeting agenda. The motion dies for lack of a second. Pearson pointed out that her request was not supported by other Council Members. She is not against a consolidation of duplicative services in a well thought out manner and feels that public input would be beneficial for both localities. She is disappointed that her fellow Council Members are not being as transparent as possible and not giving reversion the due process it deserves by not allowing public input. She feels that the reversion process should be slowed and that Council should be forthcoming and honest with the residents that Council serves. Council Member Turner referenced Clerk Pritchett's email which had been given to the Commission. Turner asked Council what the plan will be for Halloween this year since it falls on Sunday. Mayor Lawson feels that it is a great opportunity for faith-based organizations to celebrate Halloween on Sunday and expressed concern about moving Halloween to Saturday because of race weekend. The Chamber will not be holding Uptown Trick-or-Treating this year. City Attorney Monday reminded residents that Virginia law states that no one over the age of 14 years old is allowed to trick-or-treat and no trick-or-treating will be allowed after 9:00pm. Vice Mayor Bowles followed up on Pearson's comments. Pritchett's information has been shared publicly for residents to review. Bowles thanked everyone for the birthday wishes and for their prayers following her recent auto accident. Mayor Lawson explained that Clerk Pritchett's concerns were review by our reversion attorneys and a brief has been written and presented to the Commission on Local Government to address Mr. Pritchett's concerns. . Lawson is concerned that there are residents that feel the schools were left out of the reversion decision; she advised residents that the School Superintendent, the Chairman of the School Board and School Chief Financial Officer were all part of a reversion meetings along with members of the Henry County Public Schools and the City and County reversion teams. They spent 4 hours discussing what to expect going forward. Unfortunately, expectations of cooperation have not been as anticipated. Lawson said there is incorrect information being broadcast by local media regarding reversion. Hazardous Waste Day will be on October 9 from 9am-12noon in Bassett. Lawson expressed appreciation to the congregation at Mount Zion AME Church, she had the opportunity to worship with them and was honored to present a proclamation recognizing their 150th and 151st Anniversary. Mount Zion is the oldest African-American church in the Martinsville/Henry County area and possibly in the state of Virginia. Lawson pointed out that in some localities, people from the faith-based community are invited

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to Council Meetings to present the invocation. Lawson would like to see this happen at the first Martinsville Council meeting each month. Vice Mayor Bowles said she supported Lawson's suggestion and would love to see that happen. Council Member Pearson also expressed her approval. Lawson explained that she had tried very hard to be transparent in regards to reversion without violating the non-disclosure agreement that she and the Vice Mayor were required to sign. There are public documents available to the public that would answer most questions. The reversion decision was not a rushed decision and has been ongoing for over two years.

Comments by the Assistant City Manager/City Attorney – City Manager Towarnicki recognized local City employees who recently passed away including Bobby Gregory from the Public Works Department, Robert Harris from the Electric Department, and Herb Hughes from the Recreation Department. Towarnicki shared that the Veteran of the Year award had been advertised and the City is currently taking applications through October 15. Towarnicki reminded citizens that there are a number of vacancies on City boards and commissions and encouraged residents to apply online. City Attorney Monday stated that early voting is underway and encouraged residents to visit the City Registrar's office during normal business hours.

There being no further business, Vice Mayor Bowles made a motion to adjourn the meeting; the motion was seconded by Council Member Turner with all Council Members voting in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:50pm.

Karen Roberts, Clerk of Council

Kathy Lawson, Mayor